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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -	
Monthly average	542
Therefore Annual total = 12 X 542 =	6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)	
Births in March quarter 1959 -	
Monthly average	1,698
Therefore quarterly total = 3 X 1,698 =	5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)	

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.
e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = 3 X monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

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Period		Births	Marriages	Deaths		Net Migration	Population (b)	
				Infant (a)	Total		Whole State	Metro-politan
MONTHLY AVERAGES								
Year:	1954	1,519	516	32	598	961	808,243	490,300
	1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635	508,700
	1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912	526,500
	1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203	542,300
	1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992	555,200
Quarter:								
Sept.	1956	1,671	466	37	830	1,005	854,063	521,700
Dec.		1,610	536	27	560	1,567	861,912	526,500
Mar.	1957	1,672	576	35	570	1,156	868,687	530,600
June		1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123	534,300
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200	538,600
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203	542,300
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149	545,900
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750	548,000
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728	551,200
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992	555,200
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763	559,100
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835	n.a.
MONTHLY TOTALS								
May	1957	1,970	503	30	711			
June		1,495	551	35	647			
July		1,542	411	37	669			
May	1958	2,034	486	35	601			
June		1,436	497	27	664			
July		1,692	389	53	833			
May	1959	1,396	525	30	629			
June		1,780	462	23	710			
July		2,074	424	62	1,012			
							NOT AVAILABLE	

(a) Under 1 year of age.

(b) As at the end of each period.

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period		Employment (a)					Basic Wage (b)		
		Total	Govern- ment	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
					Factories	Const- ruction			Retail Trade
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s	d
<u>MONTH</u>		MALES							
July	1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231	0
	1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241	0
	1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251	0
	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256	0
	1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271	0
May	1957	187.0	58.9	128.1	72.7	20.3	12.2	251	0
June		186.4	58.9	127.5	72.6	20.3	12.2	251	0
July		185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251	0
May	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.4	256	0
June		186.0	59.1	126.9	73.0	19.0	12.4	256	0
July		185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256	0
May	1959	190.5	61.5	129.0	74.6	20.4	12.4	256	0
June		191.1	61.7	129.4	74.9	20.6	12.4	271	0
July		191.3	61.8	129.5	75.2	20.7	12.4	271	0
		FEMALES							
July	1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173	0
	1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180	6
	1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188	0
	1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192	0
	1959	65.7	16.0	49.7	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
May	1957	62.5	13.9	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.3	188	0
June		62.4	13.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.3	188	0
July		62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188	0
May	1958	63.5	14.4	49.1	16.0	0.5	12.2	192	0
June		63.4	14.5	48.9	15.9	0.5	12.2	192	0
July		63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192	0
May	1959	65.2	15.6	49.6	15.8	0.5	12.7	192	0
June		65.5	15.8	49.7	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
July		65.7	16.0	49.7	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0

(a) Last pay-day during month

(b) At end of month

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Period		Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
		Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Year:	1954	1,896	6,583	1,104	55	1,506	64
	1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743	56
	1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869	978
	1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563	1,568
	1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	898	33,212	1,703
Quarter:							
Sept.	1956	1,602	1,742	2,893	606	7,641	674
Dec.		1,666	1,668	3,299	574	9,426	978
Mar.	1957	2,186	1,365	3,294	395	10,914	481
June		1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904	1,054
Sept.		1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683	1,233
Dec.		1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749	1,568
Mar.	1958	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547	1,521
June		1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871	2,258
Sept.		1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136	1,930
Dec.		1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296	1,703
Mar.	1959	2,543	1,526	5,140	667	24,109	1,116
June		2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259	1,332
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
May	1957	1,821	1,240	4,037	648	9,186	835
June		1,367	1,084	4,152	827	14,294	1,054
July		1,340	1,020	4,430	911	14,193	1,345
May	1958	1,447	943	5,926	1,311	30,619	2,075
June		1,260	948	5,873	1,001	43,399	2,258
July		1,635	1,053	6,088	1,044	38,302	2,385
May	1959	2,227	1,555	5,143	760	19,537	1,317
June		1,729	1,581	4,824	573	24,064	1,332
July		2,177	1,593	5,190	687	23,516	1,444

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Dwellings		Other Buildings		Total Buildings	
	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000
COMMENCEMENTS						
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	608	1,814	64	682	672	2,496
1955-56	710	2,217	71	1,383	781	3,600
1956-57	594	1,882	68	775	662	2,657
1957-58	622	1,999	62	972	684	2,971
1958-59	741	2,378	81	1,183	822	3,561
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	612	1,918	69	666	681	2,584
Dec.	620	1,884	57	546	677	2,430
Mar. 1957	540	1,723	79	1,249	619	2,972
June	605	2,002	66	641	671	2,643
Sept.	687	2,245	73	784	760	3,029
Dec.	593	1,892	60	818	653	2,710
Mar. 1958	556	1,757	59	1,204	615	2,961
June	651	2,104	57	1,083	708	3,187
Sept.	725	2,369	91	1,243	816	3,612
Dec.	709	2,244	84	1,145	793	3,389
Mar. 1959	685	2,205	67	1,021	752	3,226
June	844	2,696	84	1,324	928	4,020
COMPLETIONS						
Year: 1954-55	621	1,771	67	486	688	2,257
1955-56	652	1,993	69	817	721	2,810
1956-57	619	1,974	69	859	688	2,833
1957-58	666	2,182	67	989	733	3,171
1958-59	733	2,385	75	1,315	808	3,700
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	620	1,957	74	677	694	2,634
Dec.	695	2,152	66	834	761	2,986
Mar. 1957	561	1,832	60	1,031	621	2,863
June	602	1,957	75	893	677	2,850
Sept.	675	2,219	68	784	743	3,003
Dec.	712	2,338	83	1,055	795	3,393
Mar. 1958	624	2,047	56	981	680	3,028
June	652	2,122	62	1,136	714	3,258
Sept.	736	2,384	63	860	799	3,244
Dec.	748	2,406	82	2,279	830	4,685
Mar. 1959	661	2,137	73	1,021	734	3,158
June	788	2,612	81	1,100	869	3,712

BUILDINGS - PERMITS

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(METROPOLITAN AREA)

Period	Dwellings		Other Buildings		Total Buildings	
	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	483	1,350	54	495	537	1,845
1955-56	482	1,464	55	616	537	2,080
1956-57	398	1,204	50	322	448	1,526
1957-58	425	1,293	49	447	474	1,740
1958-59	454	1,437	38	516	492	1,953
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	377	1,149	50	291	427	1,440
Dec. 1956	384	1,133	45	265	429	1,398
Mar. 1957	326	1,034	50	298	376	1,332
June 1957	504	1,498	54	433	558	1,931
Sept. 1957	514	1,588	53	423	567	2,011
Dec. 1957	402	1,199	47	350	449	1,549
Mar. 1958	351	1,085	46	627	397	1,712
June 1958	435	1,301	50	387	485	1,688
Sept. 1958	523	1,668	46	559	569	2,227
Dec. 1958	409	1,254	37	567	446	1,821
Mar. 1959	419	1,349	31	430	450	1,779
June 1959	465	1,475	37	507	502	1,982
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
May 1957	631	1,807	50	500	681	2,307
June 1957	579	1,631	66	449	645	2,080
July 1957	434	1,397	59	242	493	1,639
May 1958	445	1,394	51	515	496	1,909
June 1958	508	1,362	56	358	564	1,720
July 1958	601	1,889	49	670	650	2,559
May 1959	348	1,189	43	647	391	1,836
June 1959	618	1,831	36	544	654	2,375
July 1959	566	1,800	42	980	608	2,780

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore	Electricity	Clay Bricks (a)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (b)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup. ft.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,235	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,409	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	6,998	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	n.a.	p 132,643	p 8,787	p 664	p 9,615
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,194	669	6,505
Dec. 1957	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,890	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,709	633	6,839
June 1958	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,200	658	8,030
Sept. 1958	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 8,852	p 679	p 8,814
Dec. 1958	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 8,861	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,477	p 128,145	p 7,989	p 584	p 8,847
June 1959	60,530	n.a.	p 140,179	p 9,445	p 820	p 11,708
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
May 1957	49,294	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June 1957	46,846	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 1957	63,332	n.a.	146,800	7,495	696	6,985
May 1958	66,214	n.a.	136,500	7,561	714	7,304
June 1958	46,540	n.a.	133,300	7,167	614	9,907
July 1958	68,539	n.a.	p 155,898	p 9,409	p 752	p 8,866
May 1959	56,273	n.a.	p 136,607	p 9,340	p 786	p 10,942
June 1959	60,833	n.a.	p 159,547	p 8,908	p 842	p 13,008
July 1959	52,038	n.a.	p 165,606	p 9,688	p 930	p 11,708

(a) Standard size, common and coloured

(b) From Australian logs only.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Stainless Steel Sinks	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters	Caravans	
	Sq.yds	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	91,417	1,352	478	6,432	1,014	29	
1955-56	86,102	1,217	509	5,897	1,007	63	
1956-57	74,868	1,014	379	4,348	951	66	
1957-58	76,293	947	428	5,182	902	70	
1958-59 p	84,852	1,201	487	6,467	830	77	
Quarter:							
Sept. 1957	80,699	1,019	471	4,575	1,178	66	
Dec. 1957	78,621	1,008	416	4,673	980	87	
Mar. 1958	67,394	924	376	5,121	666	73	
June 1958	78,457	838	448	6,359	784	55	
Sept. p	88,825	988	399	6,647	1,041	76	
Dec. p	81,838	1,027	509	6,528	863	111	
Mar. 1959 p	79,844	1,066	472	5,413	679	61	
June p	88,902	1,722	568	7,278	737	59	
MONTHLY TOTALS							
May 1957	}	Not available					
June 1957							
July 1957		83,063	1,038	500	4,528	1,238	61
May 1958		85,387	897	501	7,474	885	58
June 1958		75,552	827	448	5,416	909	44
July p		92,971	1,086	219	6,780	990	47
May 1959 p		91,215	1,999	503	6,707	697	64
June p		85,444	1,745	628	7,608	782	58
July p		105,161	2,490	744	7,726	916	63

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Inner Spring Mattresses	Boots, Shoes and Sandals (a)	Slippers	Confectionery	Margarine
	No.	pairs	pairs	lbs.	lbs
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>					
Year: 1954-55	2,784	119,984	7,969	357,278	170,781
1955-56	3,526	122,366	5,746	390,930	189,821
1956-57	3,601	127,556	5,796	415,258	238,043
1957-58	4,127	134,125	5,134	409,008	257,002
1958-59 p	4,142	130,500	2,979	449,838	273,081
Quarter:					
Sept. 1957	4,331	145,199	4,939	470,784	315,019
Dec. 1957	4,383	124,952	6,435	385,126	215,525
Mar. 1958	3,981	122,716	4,412	350,957	230,197
June 1958	3,814	143,633	4,748	429,167	267,269
Sept. 1958 p	4,190	140,894	3,963	520,420	313,544
Dec. 1958 p	4,215	126,061	3,299	430,356	237,841
Mar. 1959 p	3,813	105,090	1,674	348,289	257,234
June 1959 p	4,349	149,955	2,980	500,288	283,704
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>					
May 1957	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June 1957	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 1957	4,505	151,038	5,383	507,747	409,808
May 1958	3,998	161,688	5,539	458,304	277,648
June 1958	3,836	128,790	4,126	438,870	262,080
July 1958 p	3,686	150,634	3,610	567,962	389,728
May 1959 p	4,156	147,497	2,457	496,804	264,287
June 1959 p	4,514	142,370	2,518	552,982	289,165
July 1959 p	4,465	150,863	1,966	589,556	388,861

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Jam (c)
	'000 lbs	'000 lbs	'000 lbs	'000 lbs
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	378
1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	509
1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	654
1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	671
1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	410
Quarter:				
Sept. 1957	1,625	2,565	544	493
Dec.	1,885	3,491	680	313
Mar. 1958	884	966	500	1,439
June	856	815	493	438
Sept. p	1,575	2,428	538	551
Dec. p	1,911	3,736	669	207
Mar. 1959 p	906	1,233	454	605
June p	876	939	505	275
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
May 1957	962	1,015	n.a.	n.a.
June	1,100	1,335	n.a.	n.a.
July	1,407	1,834	530	519
May 1958	826	774	507	370
June	1,100	1,312	459	482
July p	1,277	1,643	532	529
May 1959 p	834	994	494	210
June p	1,013	1,195	514	249
July p	1,068	1,546	544	393

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight

(c) Includes conserves, fruit spreads, fruit butter etc.

EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool (a)	Lead	Minerals(b)
	'000 lbs	'000 bush	'000 bush	'000 lbs	'000 cwt	'000 cwt
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229	421
1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239	470
1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268	491
1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272	655
1958-59 p	1,790	1,212	1,483	13,056	237	510
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Sept. 1956	722	1,470	2,019	9,722	193	549
Dec.	2,981	1,880	194	14,223	346	534
Mar. 1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290	451
June	6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243	428
Sept.	148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262	1,038
Dec.	3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253	630
Mar. 1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301	554
June	374	829	1,290	9,610	270	397
Sept. p	558	914	1,458	9,671	203	555
Dec. p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252	571
Mar. 1959 p	2,161	1,678	2,415	12,850	241	278
June p	51	1,212	1,926	13,390	253	636
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
May 1957	..	1,290	2,454	15,216	392	509
June	18	2,047	2,876	11,161	140	336
July	1	1,498	2,530	15,317	189	1,293
May 1958	336	1,056	1,014	9,120	200	479
June	665	775	2,147	9,348	327	255
July	122	986	2,765	11,340	298	539
May 1959 p	110	851	1,170	15,550	264	702
June p	32	1,131	1,925	12,050	206	694
July p	6	1,852	521	14,716	137	218

(a) Wool is greasy including scoured converted as greasy.

(b) Mainly copper lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead	Minerals (a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399	406
1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598	397
1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834	599
1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309	653
1958-59 p	7,578	179	847	855	2,628	1,036	435
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	8,582	61	974	996	2,730	1,340	867
Dec.	10,498	252	1,295	112	4,378	2,434	493
Mar. 1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007	578
June	10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556	458
Sept.	9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454	1,095
Dec.	9,502	398	1,142	502	4,060	1,291	745
Mar. 1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316	402
June	6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173	368
Sept. p	6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867	433
Dec. p	7,540	439	763	78	3,160	1,178	497
Mar. 1959 p	8,002	215	1,150	1,437	2,466	1,042	155
June p	8,343	5	790	1,101	2,869	1,059	653
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
May 1957	12,617	..	903	1,150	5,175	2,502	503
June	9,163	..	1,400	1,325	3,876	879	232
July	10,791	..	1,031	1,152	4,588	1,083	1,439
May 1958	6,799	34	790	601	1,901	849	420
June	6,724	66	615	1,090	1,984	1,431	75
July	7,969	12	743	1,518	2,370	1,275	675
May 1959 p	8,466	11	415	675	3,436	1,123	783
June p	7,952	3	761	1,098	2,656	890	846
July p	7,226	1	1,261	269	3,209	555	74

(a) See note (b) previous page.

IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron & Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber
			Electric Motors (a)	Other			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	607	350	209
1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281	281
1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	208	234
1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	263	223
1958-59	3,779	428	314	556	166	235	173
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	4,770	606	302	689	406	238	218
Dec.	3,743	372	198	535	201	186	260
Mar. 1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	202	233
June	3,195	234	197	472	241	205	225
Sept.	4,357	398	297	786	276	294	192
Dec.	3,964	399	209	600	184	225	217
Mar. 1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	302	245
June	3,328	304	181	447	157	230	238
Sept.	3,656	426	288	514	167	255	215
Dec.	3,963	325	261	564	162	221	170
Mar. 1959	3,646	317	397	548	188	257	124
June	3,849	646	308	599	146	207	182
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
May 1957	3,568	343	166	486	254	230	212
June	1,952	126	174	272	200	110	154
July	5,508	587	354	1,083	364	385	256
May 1958	3,081	346	144	363	88	187	209
June	3,969	381	230	510	179	283	300
July	3,364	321	319	448	153	215	192
May 1959	4,052	697	384	622	143	235	276
June	3,571	477	166	637	174	214	153
July							

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected	
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele-vision		
MONTHLY AVERAGES								
	Number of New Registrations							
Year:	1954	2,055	1,341	13	456	1,537	..	1,145
	1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
	1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
	1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
	1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
Quarter:								
Sept.	1956	1,897	1,312	26	350	2,220	..	1,364
Dec.		2,080	1,387	24	447	1,481	..	1,304
Mar.	1957	1,804	1,221	22	379	1,391	..	1,180
June		1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.		1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec.		2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar.	1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June		1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.		1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec.		2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar.	1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June		1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
MONTHLY TOTALS								
May	1957	1,942	1,251	55	412	2,349	..	1,531
June		1,862	1,267	53	316	1,522	..	1,172
July		1,824	1,280	29	335	1,735	..	1,873
May	1958	1,823	1,148	165	311	1,783	..	1,490
June		1,568	1,023	130	269	1,419	..	1,344
July		1,802	1,181	137	332	2,120	..	1,428
May	1959	1,975	1,050	236	469	1,999	3,799	1,849
June		1,833	1,059	235	320	1,775	2,222	2,763
July		2,004	1,128	272	417	1,805	2,466	1,602
AS AT 31st JULY								
	Total Vehicles on Register (b)							Total (c)
	1957	250,207	164,210		64,952	234,507	..	159,372
	1958	259,733	173,236		66,286	240,571	..	170,550
	1959	264,634	181,241		65,222	247,794	8,487	182,770

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses.

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

RETAIL SALES

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Elect- rical Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
£ million							
Year: 1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8
1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3
1954-55	4.7	1.4	3.4	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1
1955-56	5.2	1.6	3.5	0.7	4.3	15.3	5.5
1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.5	0.8	4.4	16.0	5.6
1957-58	5.6	1.7	3.6	0.8	4.5	16.2	5.7
Quarter:							
Mar. 1956	5.3	1.7	3.0	0.7	4.1	14.8	5.4
June	5.3	1.5	3.8	0.6	4.1	15.3	5.3
Sept.	5.5	1.5	3.4	0.7	4.2	15.3	5.3
Dec.	5.8	1.9	4.0	0.9	5.1	17.7	5.8
Mar. 1957	5.5	1.8	3.0	0.7	4.2	15.2	5.5
June	5.5	1.6	3.8	0.7	4.2	15.8	5.7
Sept.	5.5	1.5	3.4	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.7
Dec.	5.8	1.9	4.1	1.0	5.1	17.9	5.9
Mar. 1958	5.6	1.8	3.1	0.8	4.2	15.5	5.7
June	5.7	1.5	3.8	0.8	4.3	16.1	5.5
Sept.	NOT AVAILABLE					16.0	5.7
Dec.						18.7	6.3
Mar. 1959						16.2	5.9

- (a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
- (b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.
- (c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

HIRE PURCHASE (a)

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Period	Number of agreements	Value of goods sold (b)	Amount financed (c)	Balances outstanding (end of period)
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	2,296	1,403	18,633
1955-56	7,852	2,471	1,518	21,618
1956-57	8,521	2,810	1,770	25,349
1957-58	10,765	2,921	1,898	28,761
1958-59	11,659	3,129	2,058	32,603
Quarter:				
Sept. 1956	7,956	2,737	1,712	22,772
Dec. 1956	9,451	3,129	1,973	24,751
Mar. 1957	8,195	2,776	1,754	25,226
June 1957	8,482	2,599	1,640	25,349
Sept. 1957	9,645	2,683	1,726	25,800
Dec. 1957	11,717	3,084	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	2,920	1,895	27,898
June 1958	10,986	2,996	1,961	28,761
Sept. 1958	11,427	3,008	1,964	29,719
Dec. 1958	13,036	3,461	2,282	31,867
Mar. 1959	11,021	2,948	1,938	32,054
June 1959	11,152	3,100	2,050	32,603
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
May 1957	9,654	2,877	1,826	25,306
June 1957	8,656	2,494	1,574	25,349
July 1957	9,546	2,705	1,748	25,369
May 1958	11,888	3,111	2,039	28,628
June 1958	10,774	2,762	1,825	28,761
July 1958	11,227	3,047	1,999	28,936
May 1959	10,637	2,963	1,964	32,339
June 1959	11,453	3,120	2,112	32,603
July 1959 ^p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	32,834

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			
	Total	Cwlt Grants	Business under- takings	Total	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business Under- takings
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	4,050	1,591	1,293	4,709	1,431	906	1,572
Dec.	5,674	1,596	2,612	5,987	1,505	1,103	1,714
Mar. 1957	5,614	1,687	2,149	4,979	1,380	957	1,515
June	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.	4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec.	6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar. 1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June	6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.	4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec.	6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar. 1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June	7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
MONTHLY TOTALS							
May 1957	6,603	2,633	2,217	6,488	1,738	1,528	1,781
June	7,141	2,671	1,524	6,580	1,954	1,222	1,831
July	5,303	1,700	1,889	4,808	1,690	567	1,723
May 1958	6,261	2,908	1,822	7,057	1,708	2,095	1,642
June	8,450	3,052	1,970	7,177	2,143	1,304	1,738
July	4,806	1,724	1,331	5,227	1,937	804	1,633
May 1959	7,040	3,030	1,834	7,115	2,025	2,284	1,518
June	8,386	3,077	2,153	7,195	2,435	1,383	1,747
July	5,406	1,940	1,605	5,744	2,256	880	1,700

Period	Real Estate			Savings Banks	Cheque Paying Bankings		
	Mortgages		Transferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Advances	Debits to Client's Accounts
	Loaned	Discharged					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>					(a)	(a)	(b)
Year: 1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117	36,339
1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499	39,618
1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260	42,773
1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286	44,370
1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791	46,291
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	3,257	1,281	5,118	137,186	115,241	54,470	38,467
Dec.	3,596	1,209	4,525	138,122	122,956	53,912	43,405
Mar. 1957	3,637	1,324	5,307	138,305	133,002	51,906	44,072
June	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803	45,146
Sept.	3,841	1,850	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377	43,135
Dec.	3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194	46,114
Mar. 1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502	43,260
June	3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985	44,969
Sept.	5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253	42,559
Dec.	4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483	47,647
Mar. 1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897	46,626
June	5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462	48,252
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
May 1957	3,909	1,710	6,698	138,728	132,633	53,032	45,016
June	3,469	1,067	5,123	142,401	131,754	53,115	44,345
July	4,204	1,771	7,225	143,201	131,499	52,559	46,538
May 1958	4,343	1,860	6,729	145,017	128,910	64,008	44,851
June	3,759	1,561	6,546	148,858	127,464	63,896	43,523
July	4,859	2,249	7,547	149,560	126,642	64,268	44,294
May 1959	4,893	1,839	6,849	152,380	134,381	63,003	49,132
June	4,806	1,971	7,128	157,152	132,965	63,271	47,453
July	5,539	2,783	8,984	158,083	132,709	63,781	50,577

- (a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954 and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.
- (b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

Period		"C" SERIES INDEX						
		(Base: Average 6 capitals 1923-1927 = 1000)						
		Food and Groceries		Rent	Clothing	Miscellaneous	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	..	2,590	1,197	3,231	2,116	..	2,311
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371	2,398
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437	2,481
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494	2,484
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602	2,597
Quarter:	Sept. 1957	2,755	2,740	1,486	3,292	2,333	2,492	2,485
	Dec. 1957	2,665	2,647	1,503	3,321	2,348	2,473	2,465
	Mar. 1958	2,646	2,635	1,516	3,329	2,350	2,472	2,466
	June 1958	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537	2,522
	Sept. 1958	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577	2,563
	Dec. 1958	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593	2,591
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605	2,609
	June 1959	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632	2,625
		INTERIM INDEX						
		(Base: 1952-53 = 100)						
		Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6	103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3	107.2
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5	110.9
	1957-58	112.2	111.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6	112.5
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4	116.4
Quarter:	Sept. 1957	113.3	113.1	131.2	106.2	110.5	112.2	112.2
	Dec. 1957	110.7	110.4	132.6	107.1	111.1	111.8	111.7
	Mar. 1958	110.9	110.8	133.9	107.2	111.4	112.1	112.1
	June 1958	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2	114.0
	Sept. 1958	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4	115.2
	Dec. 1958	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9	116.0
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6	116.8
	June 1959	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6	117.5

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period			Statistical Division						Whole State
			Central	Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	Western	Murray Mallee	
			Inches						
Year:	1954		15.19	14.53	13.98	18.99	11.88	12.81	13.83
	1955		22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68	19.36
	1956		20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51	20.46
	1957		11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19	10.06
	1958		17.19	15.41	17.20	22.71	16.35	13.35	16.07
Wheatgrowing Season									
(Apr.-Nov.) -	1954		12.56	11.72	11.10	15.90	9.78	9.97	11.24
	1955		18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	13.00	15.71
	1956		18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	13.82	18.18
	1957		10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	6.58	8.67
	1958		15.55	13.49	15.10	21.39	13.35	11.85	13.99
Season to date									
(Apr.-July) -	1954		8.11	7.11	5.56	10.05	6.36	5.85	6.99
	1955		10.98	8.83	6.51	12.16	8.46	7.99	9.15
	1956		12.03	11.34	9.17	14.29	13.04	8.37	11.47
	1957		6.18	5.73	3.84	6.10	4.52	3.51	5.02
	1958		7.18	5.25	3.75	10.51	5.67	4.42	5.81
	1959		2.29	2.42	2.60	3.07	2.42	1.36	2.23
Month:									
April	1957		0.71	0.39	0.19	1.52	0.25	0.25	0.44
May			1.05	0.81	0.61	1.70	0.60	0.65	0.80
June			2.02	1.93	1.50	1.48	1.71	1.39	1.75
July			2.40	2.60	1.54	1.40	1.96	1.22	2.03
April	1958		0.66	0.68	0.56	0.60	0.48	0.51	0.58
May			3.57	2.62	1.16	4.96	2.61	2.06	2.77
June			0.41	0.15	0.03	1.09	0.31	0.12	0.28
July			2.54	1.80	2.00	3.86	2.27	1.73	2.18
April	1959		0.27	0.30	0.11	0.35	0.24	0.09	0.23
May			0.46	0.26	0.47	0.65	0.57	0.37	0.44
June			0.40	0.42	0.23	0.78	0.46	0.27	0.41
July			1.16	1.44	1.79	1.29	1.15	0.63	1.15

NOTE: Rainfall figures are calculated averages over agricultural areas only, and are totals of periods shown (not monthly averages).

